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### **Roanoke County to Host Community Meeting for Route 460 Study**

**May 16, 2022** – Roanoke County is hosting a second community meeting for the Route 460 Land Use and Connectivity Study on May 18, 2022, between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. at Bonsack Elementary School. At this open house-style meeting, attendees will review and provide comments on recommendations proposed to address feedback provided from the January community meeting, survey and stakeholder group.

All recommendation materials are available at [www.roanokecountyva.gov/460Study](http://www.roanokecountyva.gov/460Study) with a means to provide comments until May 31.

The Route 460 Land Use and Connectivity Study began in Fall 2021 with the following goals:

- 1) Recommend ways to travel around the Bonsack community that are alternatives to Route 460/Challenger Avenue;
- 2) Consider existing zoning classifications and future land use designations to determine potential changes to match desired development types; and
- 3) Examine existing at-grade railroad crossings for potential improvements that may create development opportunities between the railroad and the Blue Ridge Parkway.

The first community meeting was held on January 13, 2022, at Bonsack Elementary School. Over 40 area residents, property owners and business owners attended this meeting. County staff, consultants from Timmons Group and VDOT representatives reviewed aerial images of the study area with meeting participants and discussed a variety of topics including funded transportation projects on Route 460, roadways that can be improved, potential areas for development as well as possibilities for future greenway and trail connections. Attendees also answered a survey at the meeting, which was open until the end of January. Over 200 surveys were completed.

Please visit [www.RoanokeCountyVA.gov/460Study](http://www.RoanokeCountyVA.gov/460Study) to learn more about the Route 460 Land Use and Connectivity Study.

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